Burning of National Flag in the Golden Temple Complex

52. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that national flags, were burnt and Khalistan flags unfurled in the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar and also in other parts of Punjab on January 26, 1987;

(b) what other anti-national acti-, ties were indulged into during the called 'Sarbat Khalsa' in the said complex on the Republic Day; and

(c) what action has since been taken against those who indulged in anti-national activities indicating the details of persons apprehended and prosecuted in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Such flags were hoisted in the Golden Temple Complex on 26th January, 1987.

(b) and (c) The leaders and activists of various organisations and other groups which participated in the Sarbat Khalsa' indulged in anti-national and secessionist activities including raising objectionable slogans. A case has been registered by the Government of Punjab in this connection.

Africa Fund

53. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethe the Africa Fund Committee Sum adopts Action to buhu up strategic foodgrain and community reserves for frontline States bordering South Africa;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Plan of Action; and

(c) the action taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) AFRICA Fund Committe Summit has adopted a Plan of Action. This identifies specific projects and measures to be undertaken by the Fund in the following areas:—

(i) Relieving shortages of essential commodities consequent upon enforcement of sanctions against South Africa, including establishment of strategic relief reserve;

(ii) Strengthening communications affected by the struggle against racismi;

(iii) Neutralisation of negative trade effects of action against the South Africa regime;

(iv) Assuring continued availability of oil and other forms of energy;

(v) Ensuring safe functioning of vital economic installations and networks;

(vi) Development of human skills for effective management of naional economies;

(vii) Rehabilitation of migrant labourers in the event of their expulsion from South Africa;

(viii) Support to the liberation movements in South Africa and Namibia;

(ix) Mobilisation of public opinion and financial resources.

(c) The Prime Minister is forwarding the Appeal and the Plan of Action for the Fund to the Heads of State or Government of various countries, in his capacity as Chairman of the Fund Committee. India has also taken a lead by announcing a contribution of Rs. 50 crores to the AFRICA Fund, spread over three years.